

House Resolution No. 2204

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State organizations that are dedicated to fraternity, patriotism, history, and education; and

Whereas, the Fraas-Fain Post #1000 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars was chartered on April 25, 1932, in the town of Fairmount, moved to its current home in Independence in 1942, and will celebrate the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of its founding with appropriate observances during 2007; and

Whereas, VFW Post #1000 is named in honor of Frank Fraas, the last casualty of World War I from the Fairmount area, and Truman Fain, a casualty of World War II; and

Whereas, the number of members associated with VFW Post #1000 has steadily grown since its inception, with a roster of approximately 400 in the early 1950s and a list of approximately 1,400 in the early 1990s; and

Whereas, a Ladies Auxiliary was added on February 7, 1933, which adds more than 500 persons active in VFW Post #1000 events; and

Whereas, well-known for its favorite son, President Harry S. Truman, VFW Post #1000 also is known for community service through Buddy Poppies for disabled veterans, POW/MIA recognition, decoration of veterans graves, Toys for Tots, youth activities, the Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen scholarship programs, and the "adoption" of Reserve units; and

Whereas, the objectives of VFW Post #1000 follow the original intent of the national organization to preserve and strengthen comradeship among members, to assist widows and orphans, to maintain true allegiance to the government of the United States, to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom, and to preserve and defend the United States from its enemies:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, goals, and accomplishments associated with the Fraas-Fain Post #1000 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as they celebrate the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the founding of their organization; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1000 in Independence, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Ray Salva
District No. 51

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2204, adopted April 18, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker